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On the Street

Husband and Wife



My husband is always scraping his feet on the rugs and giving me electric shocks.—Mrs. B. McD.

WHAT DOES YOUR HUSBAND DO?

Secretary Cliff Cates of the chamber of commerce is planning out a "co-operative advertising circular," to be issued in a few days.

There will be a cemetery working at Preskitt on February 17th, and all interested are requested to come with working tools. Remember the time, Tuesday afternoon, Feb. 17th.

Messenger acknowledges receipt of an invitation to attend a Valentine service, Sunday, February 15, 7:30 p. m., at Munger Place Methodist Church, Dallas, W. Harrison Baker, Pastor.

Mr. and Mrs. Bonnie Sellars, here from Fort Worth, state they will move back to this community, and will occupy the small farm north of the cemetery, recently vacated by the Fullingim family. Messenger joins the many friends of these people in welcoming them back to the "old stamping grounds."

Mrs. Dick Taylor of Paris, has been visiting friends here the past week, and Messenger was honored by a visit from her. Beautiful and charming as she was in her Lela Belle Devereux girlhood school days in Decatur, when she was one of the most deservedly popular girls in the town, it was a pleasure indeed to meet her again.

"The claim that enforcement of traffic laws in Decatur would injure trade is one of the biggest pieces of cheap buncombe I ever heard," remarked a Decatur business man; "the people who drive to Decatur to do their trading are the ones who observe the laws; you will notice that the town people are the ones who laugh at restrictions. Yet, they observe other town's laws when they visit them."

County Attorney Jennings Brown propounded a very pointed question to the Chico bank robber, who made a confession and led officers to where he had secreted the loot. "Don't you feel better, and don't you believe you will rest better tonight, after coming straight about this affair?" asked Brown. The man's countenance brightened, and he immediately came back: "I feel better now, and I know I will sleep much better tonight."

Wallace Simpson, cartoonist extraordinary, for the Fort Worth Star-Telegram, and biographical sketch writer, and wife were in town Tuesday, giving the Messenger office a visit; one the editor enjoyed very much. Simpson is "playing up" some of the state's celebrities in each issue of the big Sunday Star-Telegram, and we have it that a Decatur citizen is to "get his." Mrs. Simpson will be remembered as a daughter of the late Henry Fields.

It is of record that every drop of water for irrigation purposes that will be impounded in the huge Bridgeport Lake is wanted by farmers further down the basin; even as far down as Houston, Leon, Anderson and other counties in that section are anxious to make contracts.

LADIES WILL WORK TO MAKE CITY BEAUTIFUL

Mesdames Shults and Ferguson Prepare for Civic Pride Campaign

Flowers for the beautification of Decatur home premises, the skillful growing of roses and ways and means and plans for adorning home yards, stood upmost in the discussions that marked the regular monthly meeting of the Civic League held in the Owl Club rooms Tuesday afternoon of last week. The president, Mrs. W. C. Shults, presided.

The new constitution and by laws as read by the secretary, Mrs. C. W. Ferguson, were adopted. An entertainment program, composed of a reading by Miss Vivian Pearson and a piano number by Tom Patterson, was rendered, to the pleasure of all. Mrs. W. B. Brown explained in detail the cultural methods by which she has been able to produce the beautiful roses for which she has become locally celebrated.

A wholesale spring clean up of Decatur to come at a date later in the spring will be enthusiastically sponsored by the club membership.

Speculation as to what shall become the adopted Decatur flower was discussed with interest at the Tuesday meeting. Several plans for ascertaining selection of the home owners and citizens generally were broached.

Being highly concerned to learn the will of the town as to what is the most popular variety of a list of beautiful and well known plants, it was decided finally that the issue will be left to a voting contest. It was decided to submit the following list of well known varieties to the consideration of everyone who will concern themselves in the selection of the town flower: Crepe myrtle, hollyhock, canna, cosmos.

A voting blank will be found in this issue of the paper and for the next two issues. Name your choice promptly and deposit the vote with this paper, in order that the selection may be announced in time for a generous spring planting of the flower selected.

Decatur Flower Voting Contest of the Civic League
* Check the variety you prefer *
* from the following list and deposit the vote with the Messenger: *
* Crepe myrtle *
* Hollyhock *
* Canna *
* Cosmos *

to say nothing of the desires of river-bottom land owners in Tarrant and Dallas counties. Wise county land-owners could go to sleep and awake to find their irrigation waters had been sold. Let us be up and awake to the situation when the irrigation campaign is started.

C. C. Lewis of Childress, visiting friends in Decatur, dropped in to see the Messenger. "I notice conditions in this locality are not as bad as we have with us; in fact, Wise county appears to be one of the favorite spots at this period of depression throughout the country. The government and Red Cross are doing needed work in our section among those who have been hit hard," he stated.

The Aggieville, college publication for Murray State School of Agriculture, Tishomingo, Okla., says: Edd Lambert was elected president of the first year college class at their meeting Monday morning, the third hour, in the auditorium. Sherman Kirkpatrick was elected vice president. Both boys are A students; Lambert is recently elected editor of the Aggieville, while Kirkpatrick holds the distinction of being the only straight A student in the college for the past semester.

"The Messenger fell into the errors of the big dailies, in reporting certain incidents of the bank robbery," remarked Vic Baldridge, cashier of the Chico State, which

TRUSSELL SAYS RED CROSS IS BLOCKING AID

Former Wise Co. Man Blames Higher Ups For Depression

The United States is the richest nation in the world, yet our government does less than any European government for the common people. Here vast fortunes are owned by a few families, and these fortunes are growing larger. Those who receive the largest incomes and who own huge fortunes do not pay a fair share in supporting a government that grants them great special privileges in making their fortunes possible.

Everywhere taxes are uneven and unfair. When I was doing research work for the University of North Carolina, I studied an aluminum factory at Baden owned by Mellon. The officials of this county told me that the plant was worth \$65000,000. I found that the plant was on the tax books for \$5,000,000, and that sixty million dollars worth of this property was not taxed. I asked a tax official at Albemarle North Carolina, why they did not tax Mellon as they taxed the other people of the county, and he replied, "I think too much of my job."

Just now Hoover and the lower house of congress are blocking aid to the farmers of the South and Southwest. They say that this suffering is an "act of God and no affair of congress." Hoover wants the Red Cross to raise the money. If the Red Cross raises the money, it will solicit most of the funds from the poorer classes and the big property owners will go free. If congress appropriates the money it will then come from the big incomes, and that is why Hoover wants the Red Cross to do it—so these big incomes will be protected. Big business favors the Red Cross, the Salvation Army and other charitable collecting agencies because they save the big incomes intact and they supplement wages. The Red Cross proposes to collect this money from the class least able to pay; they propose to place the tax on people and not on property.

All the New England states are fighting this move because this country is still bitter toward the South. The republican party in this region hates all that is southern. Another difference arises over the (continued on page 2)

was held up and relieved of some \$1,500 on the morning of January 29. In its report of the hold-up, the Messenger stated that the robber forced Vic and Judge Frank Roberts who was transacting business in the institution at the time, to lie down in the vault while the looting was in process. This was an error, as the robber made no such demand, and Baldridge and Roberts stood during the robbery. It was down at Boyd where the robbers made the officers of the Continental State lie down, while a robbery was being staged.

Messenger contends that the day is not far distant when the West Fork valley sections of the wonderful county will blossom as the rose, and we do not believe that our sights are too high when we say that the day is near when thousands of acres of the richest land in all the state will be reclaimed for the farming interests, and the output of those acres will startle the country; producing more in one season than is being produced in Wise county today in the best years. Rich as the valley of the Nile with the overflow estopped, and with an abundance of water in Bridgeport Lake for irrigation purposes! Think of it: thousands of acres that have not been producing anything, turned into an area that will be recognized as the garden spot of Texas.

Many citizens have the habit of "putting off" rendering their property to the tax assessor, and frequently when he or the agent calls on the property owner, he will be put off until the "eleventh hour." We be-

RACE HORSE BILL TRIMMED BY PREACHER

Eminent Divine Opposed, Legalizing Betting at Texas Tracks

In the very shadow of the granite Capitol, just outside the statehouse grounds and closest to the hall of representatives, where is pending the so-called race track bill, that measure was given a severe castigation by the Rev. W. D. Bradfield, preaching in the First Methodist church of Austin, where he served seven years in two pastorates and was offered a third. Dr. Bradfield is now professor of christian doctrine in Southern Methodist University at Dallas. He was not only heard by a number of legislators but others will hear him as he accepted an invitation by Chairman Emmett Morse of the house state affairs committee to discuss the bill next Thursday night when it will be taken up for consideration.

Dr. Bradfield took his text Proverbs 14, 35: "Righteousness exalteth a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people." He said in part:

"I am to speak to you upon one aspect of sin. All sins have a common root, the subordination of the higher to the lower, or the choice of the good in preference to the better or best. The aspect of sin upon which I am to speak now is gambling. The sin of gambling, then, is my theme."

"A few years ago I fell into conversation at a Texas depot with an affable well-dressed gentleman from St. Louis. He told me that he was the representative of a certain 'commercial' house in St. Louis. He read me letters from prominent men over the country endorsing the ethics of his 'commission' house. I was all ears, but directly I found my voice ventured to say to him, 'Pardon me, but what would your answer be if one should say that your commission house is a gambling concern?' 'Oh,' he said with a contagious smile, 'all business is gambling. Do you know of any business that is not gambling?' Well, is all business gambling? Multitudes of American people, perhaps, would answer this question in the affirmative. Indeed, the American people just now seem to be in the position of the famous California football player who for a moment lost his sense of direction and ran for the wrong goal. The American people seem to have lost, for the moment at least, their sense of direction. Ours is a day of confused thinking, and the conduct of men is rarely ever better than their thinking."

"What is gambling? Is it synonymous with legitimate business? On the contrary, gambling occupies the opposite pole from legitimate business. In every legitimate business transaction both parties are benefited, while in gambling only one party to the transaction is benefited; in every gambling transaction there is gain on one side, while, on the other, there is loss without compensation. In gambling the object is always gain without compensation. Whether the appeal is to chance, as (continued on page 2)

lieve that if these citizen, and they are in all sections of the county, would stop and think just a minute about the unnecessary trouble they are putting the tax assessor to, they would be more prompt, and give the assistance they only are capable of giving. Remember the tax rolls are called for by the state on or before May 1st of each year, and it is the duty of every property owner to be prompt and ready when he is solicited to render his property. And another thing we don't give a thought to—the tax assessor is requested to call upon the property owner one time, and one time only, and you could be marked delinquent according to the law. Assessor Lee Clement and assistants are now taking assessments, and they respectfully ask the co-operation of property-owners. Lee is one of the most accommodating fellows who has ever held the office, but he would appreciate you being ready to render your property when he calls.

BANK STORY IS TOLD BY DR. SKYGAK

Easy to Borrow Money If Nerve and Security Stand Test

Banks are of a very great antiquity. Babylonian tablets bearing distinct records of transactions in banking, in the time of Nebuchadnezzar are in the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City. Modern banking had its origin with the money dealers of Florence, who attained high repute as receivers and lenders of money in the 14th century. The name bank is derived from the Italian banco, a bench, from the practice of Jews in Lombardy, who had benches in the market places which they occupied in the exchange of money. The bench of the banker was broken by the populace when the banker failed and from this we have the word bankrupt.

The bank of North America was established in 1782 at Philadelphia, and was the first bank founded in America. However, the first bank of issue in the United States was organized in 1791, under a plan proposed by Alexander Hamilton, with a capital of ten million dollars. This bank was discontinued as a bank of issue in 1811, and five years later congress granted a twenty years charter to a new United States bank with a capital of twenty-five million dollars, but on the expiration of that time refused to grant a renewal.

The First National bank of Decatur was organized sometime in the stone age, about the year one, as near as we recall the date, and has become known as one of the strongest banks in the state and second to none in the entire South.

The primary purpose of any bank is to make money for its owners and second, for the accommodation of its customers so far as is consistent with safe banking rules. The First National is no exception to this.

To the casual observer, there is something beyond the ken of the average layman as to the workings of the simplest banking rules. To a great many people there is something positively uncanny about going to a bank for a loan, and yet loaning money is part of the bank's daily routine of business.

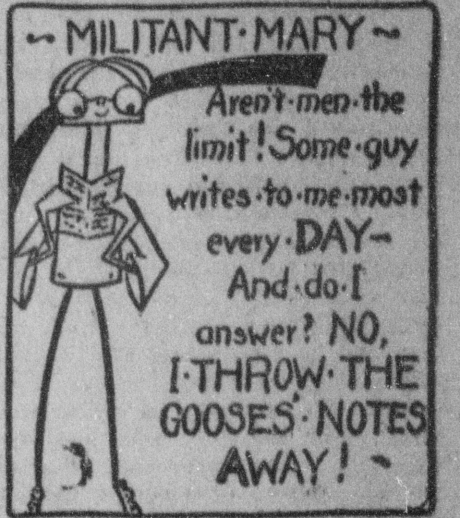
Many patrons of the First National bank, including this writer, are happy to note some of the changes that have been made in the arrangements of the desks of the powers that be, in the bank, within the past few weeks. To wit: The desk that we poor palpitating borrowers have to patronize has been moved from the front lobby to a rear office where there is more privacy. To the timid prospective borrower this is one of the greatest improvements that could have been made. In the good old days we had to go up to the desk of the big chief and blurt out our wants, regardless of who might be standing around.

All that is changed now, and the office is private, and the door kept by a guard. It's more like going before the grand jury. The prospective borrower awaits his turn at the door, goes in when called, with his mind made up to tell the truth to the best of his ability provided the little old ready-made lie fails to get over. The borrower is not exactly put under oath to tell the truth, but he will wish he had before he gets out. Most bankers can tell a liar before he starts talking.

Bankers as a rule, are the best fellows in the world in their homes or on the streets, full of fun and ready for a hearty laugh at all times. But there is no record of any living man that ever heard a banker laugh when talking to a prospective borrower about a loan. The borrower may go into the office with a lot of jokes that would make a hyena split his sides with laughter but never a smile can he get out of the banker. It just can't be done, that's all.

Most bankers seem to know that the prospective borrower is ill at ease and to break the strain would like to tell a little joke before stating (continued on page 2)

Our Rural Readers



More sweet clover is being planted in Wise county this year than ever before—and every acre of it is needed.

During the last few days many acres of Wise county land have been protected from erosion by terracing. The county agent is receiving calls from all parts of the county.

Thirty eggs from Rhode Island hens are now being incubated under hens by Velma Smith, first year poultry demonstrator of Wise county. Hazel Matthews has 36 eggs setting and Lorene Hunter has 11 baby chicks. These girls are all first year poultry demonstrators of Wise county, in the Red Willow community.

The Cosmopolitan 4-H Club met February 4 at the Greenwood school house. All the members were present, and all reported that they had each made at last one pair of pillow cases. Five members had made two pairs. All the members are busy at work on their second assignment. The first year girls are learning to make buttonholes. The mothers of several of the club members are delighted with the progress that their girls are making.

The show sheep tour conducted on last Saturday was well attended in spite of the fact that it rained all the morning. Those attending were astonished at the quality of the sheep being fitted for the fat stock show. The party stopped at the following places: County Agent Guy Powell's, where two Ramboulliets were viewed; Clyde Holt's, where his show flock of Shropshires were presented for inspection; Bob Taylor's, where his son, Derwood, showed his four Shropshire wethers. Next was Paul Wright's fat wethers and from there to Edd Hornback's, where the show flock belonging to Hornback and Ray Christian is being fitted. The last stop was at the home of Ray O'Neal at Blewett; his son is fitting two Hampshire wethers, and it was agreed by all that his sheep were extra good.

A beautiful rug of blue and brown with accents of tan and wine has been finished by Mrs. J. W. Nix of Jolly community. Mrs. A. E. Nix has also finished a rug using brown, golden brown and blue. The workmanship on these rugs is very beautiful. Other women in the Jolly community are making rugs. These rugs are made from feed sacks which are usually wasted around the barn. The sacks are washed, dyed and cut into strips of two inch widths, pressed together, braided and sewed together. When these rugs are braided tightly and sewed closely together the rugs are very durable. The Chico club has finished four rugs: Lone Mound four, Jolly club two. Every club is working hard and most members have started rugs. So much dye has been purchased to dye sacks that a prominent druggist asked a club woman why every one was buying dye. She replied, "We're all making rugs."

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YOUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS ARE TAKING THE MESSENGER—ARE YOU?

On the Street

A gay fishing party, composed of two women and a couple of festive gentlemen came out of Fort Worth the other evening to enjoy a summer night on the banks of the limpid waters of some lake or lagoon in Wonderful Wise county. Enroute to the fishing grounds several drinks of the fluid that cheers were taken, and before the camp was pitched one of the gay gentlemen became too all-fired familiar toward one of the women. He persisted, so goes the story as related by one of the participants in the fun and frolic, in his endeavors to kiss and fondle the woman. She objected, but her objections were mild rebuffs and refusals compared with what the other woman, resenting the man's conduct, staged. This woman really manhandled the familiar gentleman, and when she had given him a good trouncing the victim was brought to Decatur for treatment. By this time the liquor the quartette had consumed was having its play, and the four were talking much. County Attorney Bryson got wind of the affair, and he repaired to the hospital where the doctor was administering to the injured. Later an officer was called, and the two men and one woman were taken to jail. One of the women walked away as the officer put in his appearance.

One of the old-timers, printer dropped in on the Messenger the other day, one of those fellows who has traveled the world over, and in the days of liquor and license, he consumed more than his share of the liquid that cheers. He worked when it suited him, when hunger got hold, and had luck overtook his efforts to panhandle from working printers. As stated, one of these drifted in on us the other day. He cursed the government and predicted that the country was headed straight for the bottomless pits of purgatory. He predicted a war between capital and labor, and "hoped" those working would be turned out, and those out of work would rise up and stage a full-grown rebellion. We checked up on the fellow, and discovered that he was a habitual bum, and since the barrooms were out of business, he had taken up the habit of using dope. And, we opined, he had just taken a "shot" before he invaded the sacred precincts of the Messenger office. He refused a free square meal, but demanded money. We balked, and politely requested him to "move on."

WISE COUNTY GIRL HONORED

Word has come that Miss Annie Phillips, who is a graduate of Decatur high school, and who is at present a student in the Denton Teachers' College, has been signally honored by the college. The honor to which reference is made is that of being elected to membership in Kappa Delta Pi, an honorary fraternity at the college. Only those who have achieved high scholastic standing are so honored.

Miss Phillips also holds membership in the W. N. Masters Chemical Society, an honorary society composed of chemistry students who have made high records. She is at present a paid student assistant in the department, an honor which comes only to those who have made a high record in the department as to academic record and who have shown ability to teach.

However, Miss Phillips has not confined her interests to academic fields alone, but has been very active in the religious life of the college. She is a member of the B. S. U. Council, a work fostered by the young people of the college campus who prefer the Baptist denomination, and is president of a Sunday school class at the Baptist church, a position considered by the students as one of the highest honors in the religious life of the campus.

The friends of Miss Phillips in Decatur and Wise county will feel gratified to know of the signal success of this fine young woman.

The Lions Club members will give an entertainment Friday night at the club rooms, celebrating Valentine's Day. A splendid program has been prepared by the committee appointed by President W. C. Shults, composed of Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Tucker, Dr. and Mrs. T. G. Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Cox, with Mr. and Mrs. Shults assisting.

TRUSSELL SAYS—HORSE RACING—GETTING MONEY—

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fact that this region is an industrial region and the South and West are agricultural. These interests conflict. This region is willing to vote funds to the South to plant crops and feed mules because of crops are not planted, food prices and cotton prices will be higher.

They are always willing to vote gift to a foreign country promotes trade, and trade brings in profits. When Hoover was food administrator in Belgium this country gave the starving Belgians \$400,000,000. Our government gave the starving Russians \$25,000,000. When Salem, Mass., had a fire our government voted \$200,000, and many of the houses in Salem were rebuilt for the people, and the southern senators made no opposition. When Coolidge was president, and there was a flood in Vermont he wired the Vermont governor that "the whole resources of the nation are at your command." When Florida had a storm, they helped because of the northern capital in Florida.

The fact that this aid is now being blocked is because of the natural antagonism this country, New England, has for the South. Just now this government has purchased a house for the American ambassador in Rome and paid a million dollars for it. Congress is now appropriating \$30,000 to buy rugs and furniture for the vice president's house in Washington. Just now the lower house of congress, the conservative branch, has appropriated \$446,515,000 for the support of the army and the navy, and this is only a part of the appropriation. The army and navy will cost this country next year \$1400 per minute, day and night. An army is desired to keep down strikes, and a navy is required to secure trade for the industrialists. Neither the army nor the navy will be of any direct aid to the farmers of the country.

Just now congress is appropriating \$1,498,000 to furnish market reports on live stock, poultry, etc., to jobbers. That of course will not help the farmer.

"Our great president" has just approved returning \$125,000,000 to corporations, marked "tax errors." Congress and Hoover have just passed and approved a measure which provides \$125,000 for diplomats to be used in paying tips and buying flowers in European capitals. This is done when thousands of Americans are cold and hungry.

The government has just purchased the Blecher Palace in Berlin for \$1,800,000 for the use of the American ambassador. Millions of dollars are being spent in this manner. All this will increase trade and is approved by the government, but anything that helps the farmer must be turned over to the Red Cross. It is being charged that the Red Cross has played politics and has lost the respect of the people. The calamity it too great for the Red Cross to manage. It must be handled by the government, and the Red Cross is merely blocking aid that ought to be extended the people.

The president is willing to sanction the appropriation of funds for the purpose of feed for mules, seed, etc., because the cities must have food. If food, raw products from the farm, are scarce, prices in the city will be high. If food prices in the city are high, wages must be high because the workers in the city must live. Their wages will be a minimum wage, but it must be a living wage or there will be no workers. There must be workers, or there will be no profits.

It is evident in this case that the Red Cross should not be supported, because it is merely blocking the aid that the senate is trying to give. If the Red Cross refuses to distribute the funds, food appropriated by congress, then the agricultural agents and the health units in the counties can take the place of the Red Cross. The Red Cross officials have said that they will have nothing to do with funds appropriated by congress.

The New York Times for Sunday carried a notice of a ten year old boy in Tennessee, who for a long time has been saving pennies to buy a wreath to put on his father's grave, but as the Times stated: "Verl real to him were the stories of the suffering of the people, and today the Red Cross office received a heavy little box containing 100

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in dice and lotteries, or whether the appeal is to chance and skill, as in cards; or whether the appeal is to chance and judgement, as in betting—in each case the gambler's object is to gain without giving an equivalent. It is this unchangeable object of the gambles which makes gambling morally intolerable and violative of every principle of legitimate business.

"Another thing: gambling is morally intolerable and is subversive of every principle of good business because it develops an abnormal love for chance or the hazardous. Chance in everything? Yes. But the most distinguished fact about our civilization, perhaps, is the unremitting efforts to reduce chance or the hazardous to the minimum. The whole aim of civilization is the operation of forces whose effects can be calculated and controlled. Chance in boarding a railway train. Yes, but the railroads seek to reduce it to the minimum by airbrakes and the block system. Chance in every loan that a bank makes? Yes, but the banker would reduce it to a minimum by taking a mortgage on your crops.

"No other human passions have left in their wake quite so many moral and financial wrecks. Nearly every act denounced by the penal code of Texas as an offense against the state has its roots in the twin passion for gain without an equivalent and the abnormal craving for chance. If these passions are sufficiently developed in the banker, you are likely to have illegal banking; if in a state officer, you are likely to have misappropriation of public money; if in a business man, you are likely to have a plunger. Given these twin passions abnormally developed, and you already have incipient burglars and forgers and hijackers.

"Race track gambling, more than any other form of gambling, perhaps, influences the passion for gain without an equivalent as the fascinating love for chance, and it is because of this that the states of the union, one after another, have enacted laws prohibiting this form of gambling. Our own state stands proudly in this list of states.

"Now, even worse than gambling, is perhaps the spirit that condones it, that sanctions it, that indorses it. Even worse than the victim of the abnormal love for gain without an equivalent and the fascinating love for the hazardous is the man who sanctions and indorses and seeks to promote a form of gambling which inflames the very passions which make any man unfit for any position of trust.

"I am here because Texas—our proud, glorious state, is asked to put er sanction upon race track gambling. Our great state is now being asked to put the seal of her approval upon betting on horse races at our county, district and state fairs, and at the race courses of other corporations which care to organize for betting purposes.

"I am thinking now of my lamented friend, Judge James H. Robertson of this city, who wrote the present law on our statute books against race track gambling. Surprise was expressed that he should be the incomparable leader in the 1900 fight. His answer was, 'Gentlemen, I indulge occasionally in a game of chance, but will never consent for my state to put the seal of her approval upon any form of gambling.'

"House bill No. 157, now pending before the legislature, when stripped of all its camouflage and deception and allowed to stand out in its ghastly nakedness, unquestionably appeals to the state of Texas to put its seal upon as an iniquitous bill as was ever presented either house of a Texas legislature."

penniesthat were to be spent for a wreath for his father's grave." For all the pennies gathered by the Red Cross from the hands of little children who save to buy wreaths for their precious dead, the corporations of this section and those who own the greater wealth of the nation are untaxed and pile still higher more wealth to promote their unhampered greed. The question now is, should the Red Cross block congress in handling efficiently this national calamity.—BRANDON TRUSSELL.

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ing his business. But the banker beats him to it by springing a little joke of his own. When the borrower timidly asks about his note that is past due the banker invariably asks, "Do you want to pay it?" This is the banker's way of being friendly, and the poor, frightened customer manages to scare up a sickly grin, but his heart is near the breaking point.

Most bankers know that no borrower would come to a private office to pay off a note. On an errand of that kind a customer would walk up to the teller's window and demand his note in a loud voice and with the flourish of a pistol if necessary. The average borrower may get a slight smile out of a banker by paying part of his note, but he must pay it all, and it must be a big one, to get a real belly laugh out of the banker. And even then the poor borrower isn't sure whether the banker was laughing at his joke or just busting with joy because the note was paid.

To the average borrowers a trip to a banker's office is like a visit to the census taker's office. He is subjected to about as many questions and gives about as many foolish answers. Collateral is the word most commonly heard, and it is just about as intelligible to the average borrowers as a Latin phrase written in the original Greek.

The average borrower will go in to the banker's private office, feeling that he is just chock full of collateral, but before he comes out he is made to feel that about the only collateral he had was an overwhelming desire to borrow some money. But the borrower should not let a little thing like that discourage him. Just because he failed to recognize collateral is no disgrace. The banker himself often fails to recognize the real thing. This is proved by so many bank failures. It is a well known fact that if borrowers had all the collateral the banks want, he would not want to borrow money, but would be in a position to lend some.

The process of getting a loan is as simple as A B C. All the prospective borrower has to do after he has answered all the questions in the dictionary is to sign a little note and another longer document.

This other document looks like an insurance policy or the declaration of independence but reads more like a funeral dirge.

To the innocent borrower the document looks like it had all the printed matter on that was necessary, but the banker always adds a few lines extra. These few lines generally run something like this: Seven cows, three calves, two mules, fifteen acres cotton, wagon and harness, one fawn-colored wife, thirteen kids of 50 marks and brands save red hair, freckles, stubbed toes and

skinned noses." The poor borrower signs on the dotted line, staggers out of the office in a daze and becomes a bonded slave for the year.—SKYGAK.

When a man has anything to tell in this world, the difficulty is not to make him to tell it, but to prevent him from telling it too often.—Shaw.

E. L. Walker CASH GROCERY

Across the Street from the Ice Plant

THE CONVENIENT GROCERY WITH DISTINCT SAVINGS

SUGAR, 20 Lbs.	\$1.00
FLOUR, No. 1 Guaranteed	\$1.05
PINTO BEANS, 20 Pounds	\$1.00
LARD 8 Lbs. Vegetol, White Cloud	88c
CREAM MEAL, 10 Lbs.	33c
BUTTER, Gold Seal, Tennessee	32c
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CHEESE Pound	25c
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Forty Years Ago

February 21, 1891.

Mrs. Julia F. Halsell and her daughter, Miss Annie, are visiting in Clay county with friends.

There are now 22 election precincts in this county.

Prof. Ben Johnson is giving great satisfaction in his school at Wilson Prairie.

In a few more years there will be no Indian Territory—the state of Oklahoma will answer in its stead.

Joe Cone, who was arrested in Waco several days ago and brought here on a charge of unlawfully giving whiskey to a minor, plead guilty to said charge, and this week was arrested again on a charge of having disposed of mortgaged property.

Tuesday morning at about two o'clock the barn belonging to Mrs. Julia F. Halsell, in the suburbs of the city, was destroyed by fire. The family was visiting in Clay county at the time. The fire was not discovered until the barn was nearly consumed and too late to save anything. The entire contents of the barn burned, including six horses, a family carriage, two buggies and all the feed on hand. The loss is estimated to be about \$3,500 with \$750 insurance. Origin unknown.

The large stone and brick block on East Main street, belonging to J. Cartwright and Mr. Wm. Partridge, was burned down between midnight and daylight Thursday morning. Adams & Co. occupied the most of the building with hardware, and their loss is supposed to be about \$15,000 with \$10,000 insurance. Cartwright's meat market in the center of the block was an entire loss without insurance. Mayor Wyatt had his sleeping apartment in an upper room and lost a valuable silver watch and some clothing. It was only by the timely aid of our fire boys and water facilities that two other blocks of buildings were saved.

Fundamentalist Church

In spite of the downpour of rain and the muddy roads, a goodly congregation attended the services at the tabernacle last Sunday. There was one addition to the church at the morning services. Pastor Hickey was in his usual fine form and brought a helpful message at both morning and evening hours.

It is remarkable how all the people get there thru such weather, but some came on boards and broken pieces of the ship and all arrived safely. A great crowd filled the tabernacle for the afternoon singing. All who love good singing were certainly well paid for coming out.

An appreciative audience heard Rev. John Rice Tuesday night deliver a masterly sermon on "The Literal Reign of Christ on Earth." This sermon produced a profound effect on the entire audience, and much good will result from his visit here. John Rice has become known all over the American continent as one of the greatest Bible students and preachers of the day.

Saturday night Dr. W. B. Riley of Minneapolis, Minn., will preach at the tabernacle in his national campaign against atheism. He plans to give special attention to the teaching of evolution and other infidelity in state and denominational schools, the denial by denominational leaders of the verbal inspiration of the Scriptures, and the convention's closed policy against free speech. A crowded house is expected to hear this universal champion of the Christian faith.

Sunday morning the pastor will preach on "The Character of the Christian Church," a message from Ephesians, and at night, the subject will be "Successful Farming." An invitation is extended to farmers, farm agents and all interested in the agricultural success of Wise county for 1931.—Reporter.

We shall never know real moral responsibility until everyone knows that his deeds are unardonable and irrevocable, and until his life depends on his usefulness.—Shaw.

Twenty Years Ago

February 17, 1911.

Miss Helen Huntoon returned this week from Chicago.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Owens on Sunday, Feb. 12, a daughter.

Rev. J. L. Ward is now teaching in the college, taking the place of Prof. Thornton, resigned.

Mrs. Jina Holt has returned from the sanitarium at Dallas and is recovering nicely from her recent operation.

Marriage licenses: T. L. NeSmith and Mrs. Emma Gregory; Joel Foster and Miss Eula Terry; Ed Ainsworth and Miss Mamie Tallous.

Prof. Arthur Gilliland of the southwestern state normal of Oklahoma, accompanied the ball team from that school to Decatur last Saturday.

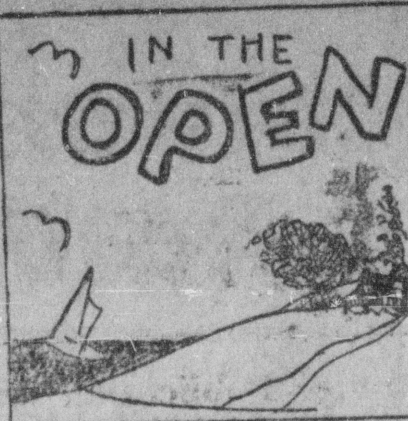
Silas Lynch suffered a broken arm as a result of a scrimmage in a practice game of basket ball at the public school building Tuesday. The injured member is doing nicely.

H. M. Mooney and wife were here from Reed, Oklahoma, this week. They report the death of their aunt, Mrs. Dr. Caddell, which occurred at Reed on the 27th of January. Mrs. Caddell resided in Decatur for many years, and had many friends here.

Aunt Janie Johnson, better known to the people of this community as Janie Holmes, died at her home in this city last Wednesday morning. Aunt Janie had been sick for some time, and the end had been expected for some days. Besides a few relatives, this good old darky leaves a host of warm personal friends among the best element of the white race in Wise county. She was an ante-bellum darky, true in her friendship and was at all times polite to white people. There was none of the latter-day negro smartness in the make-up of Aunt Janie Holmes, and few white people, and no negroes, go to their graves with better and stancher friends than did this old black mammy. Peace to her ashes.

The other day when the Prince of Wales was about ready to go on a fox hunt, he had a chill and could not go, so Prince George, one of his brothers went in his place. But George filled the bill, falling off his horse and dislocating his shoulder, so it is doubtful if Wales' absence was noticed.—Sherman Democrat.

Greatness is only one of the sensations of littleness.—Shaw.



By Booth Mooney

Once upon a time many years ago, how many no-man knows, there was a boy. This boy was much like other boys in that he was indolent to a superlative degree.

But his laziness was the most superlative of the superlative. There was nothing upon which he looked with so little favor as the smallest bit of work of whatever kind or nature.

One evening a neighbor said to him, "Stan, I'd like for you to come over in the morning at four o'clock and help me load some hogs."

The boy looked at him in astonishment and dismay, which he, however, concealed admirably. "Four o'clock?" he said faintly.

"Yeah," replied the neighbor. "I want to send them to town tomorrow, and I'll have to get an early start. You'll come, won't you?"

"Ye, yes; sure, I'll be there," enthused our hero.

He was there.

But the hogs weren't. For, with a horror of embracing and lifting heavy porkers, and at such an early hour, young Stan had slipped over at midnight, opened the gate of the hog pen and chased the swine out into the great open spaces.

This boy kept growing, just as boys have always done, and at last there came a day when he decided it was time for him to begin favoring members of the opposite (and obstinate) sex with his attentions.

He borrowed an old gray mule from his father, attached the animal with binder twine and baling wire to an ancient and decrepit buggy, armed himself with a persimmon sapling and drove away to visit the light of his life.

The brightest light that dawned on him was that something was wrong. He never found out what it was.

Our boy had more than the ordinary boy's propensity for getting himself and others into trouble.

Once he removed the porch plank from an old man's house in the latter's absence, assuming a look of bland and hypocritical innocence when he was questioned about it.

The old man accused a neighbor neighbor of the crime and so there was started a neighborly feud of

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which we of the present generation still hear occasional mutterings.

This young fellow had such immense and odd-shaped feet that a beholder of the tracks left by him on the sands of Denton creek could not have told in which direction the youth was traveling had it not been that the heels of his shoe were new and made well-defined prints.

The boy amazingly enough grew older with the passing of the years, and there came a time when he regarded himself and was regarded by others as a man. And he was a man in years.

But the old foolishness of his lost youth burned within him for always and never was it still. He had reached a point where he was unconscious and unpremeditatedly just a little of a fool, in a harmless sort of way, of course.

One night he arose in the darkness of his room to get a drink—of water, for his morals were always of the highest, and you must not allow the climax of this story to lead you to think otherwise.

He arose and groped his way toward the kitchen sink. With hand extended before him to locate the door leading into the kitchen, he walked across the dark room.

The room was quite dark, very dark. His hand passed through the open doorway without his knowledge. His first discovery of the fact that he had reached the door and passed partially through it was when his nose bumped into the door facing.

"My God!" he shrieked, his voice rising in a horror-stricken yell that bounded away over the sea like the death-bringing yell of a wind from the north. "My God! Is my nose

Notice

The following notices in regard to delinquent taxes are being sent out from the County Map Block Office in the court house.

Notice of Delinquent Taxes
Decatur, Texas.—Dear sir: The property mentioned below appears to be delinquent for the years stated. You appear to be interested as owner or otherwise. If there are any corrections to be made, or in case you desire further time on part of it, please call at this office at your earliest convenience for such arrangements, so as to avoid any costs or expense of suit, or even the small cost of the legal statutory notice. This notice will assist the tax collector in preparing your statement.—Yours truly, R. M. Buck, Manager Block Book Office.

Do not be in a hurry to succeed. What would you have to live for afterwards? Better make the horizon your goal; it will always be ahead of you.—Shaw.

longer than my arm?"

And men called him Skygag.

The more a man possesses over and above what he uses, the more careworn he becomes.—Shaw.

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LOCAL NEWS

Virginia Patterson, Reporter

Betty Anne Theford visited in Jacksboro last week-end.

Sarah Gibson visited her home in Chico last week-end.

Harold Woods of Greenwood, was in Decatur Saturday.

See Wally Wales in "Trails of Danger" Friday, Saturday.

Joe Bingham of Fort Worth, was a visitor in Decatur last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Stepp were in Fort Worth last week-end.

Joe Lee Dillehay was a Fort Worth visitor last week-end.

Mrs. Ella Counts was in Fort Worth last Sunday.

R. T. Rieger is on the sick list this week.

Miss Agnes Downs spent the week end with homefolks in Bridgeport.

Mrs. Claude Cummings and son visited in Sunset last week-end.

Ike Killough of Eastland, was a Decatur visitor last Tuesday.

Hub Dillehay was in Fort Worth last week on business.

Henry Ben Hopson of Vernon, and homefolks here last week.

Mrs. Buster Pearson was a Fort Worth visitor Monday.

Billie Dove in "Painted Angel"—again Nights at Majestic.

Rev. and Mrs. B. B. Hall of Bowie were Decatur visitors Tuesday.

Mrs. J. D. Haggood is visiting in Dallas this week.

Mrs. Bill Bastian visited friends in Bridgeport last week-end.

Miss Frances McSarter visited in Fort Worth Sunday.

Miss Maxine Wiley was a Fort Worth visitor Sunday.

E. R. right of Boyd, was in Decatur last week.

Miss Mary H. H. of Albany, visited her sister, Mrs. C. L. Christian here last Sunday.

Frank Leinbac of Decatur College, spent last week-end with his parents in Dallas.

Miss Mattie Attaway of Fort Worth, visited Miss Maurine Wiley here last Saturday and Sunday.

Mmes. Olin Van Meter and Ray Christian and Miss Ethel Dill were Fort Worth visitors Saturday.

Mmes. H. F. Head and L. T. Hargrove were Fort Worth visitors last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Satterfield were Fort Worth visitors on last Sunday.

Miss Sylvia Rieger of Chico, visited homefolks in Decatur last week-end.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Curren on Saturday, February 7, 1931, a daughter.

"Royal Bed"—Year's sparkling comedy sensation! Monday and Tuesday at the Majestic.

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Lowell Sherman, Mary Astor
and Hugh Trevor
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"THE ROYAL BED"
You'll Gasp in Amazement at Its
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and
Humanette Comedy

Wednesday-Thursday
Bargain Nights
BILLIE DOVE
in
"PAINTED ANGEL"
and
Karl Dane, George K. Arthur
Comedy

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Jenkins of Thurbur, Texas visited Mr. and Mrs. John Jenkins here last week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Heatherington and son of McKinney, Texas, were Decatur visitors.

Mrs. C. P. Dodson and daughters and Miss Martha Renshaw were in Fort Worth Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Christian and daughter, Virginia Ann, were Rhome visitors Sunday.

C. Y. Rhone of Bridgeport, was a Decatur visitor last Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. O. M. Whitecotton and her mother were Bowie visitors last week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Christian and Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Patterson were Dallas visitors last week.

"Royal Bed"—witty, sprightly, stinging drama so real you'll think you lived it.

Miss Jewel Hogan visited her sister, Miss Helen Hogan, here last week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Wilkerson and children were Fort Worth visitors last Sunday.

Miss Betty Lou Lillard visited Miss Gladys Thomason here last week-end.

Miss Maggie Carpenter visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Carpenter, in Rhome last week-end.

Claude Lewis and daughter, Miss Katherine, of Childress, were Decatur visitors last Saturday.

Mrs. R. E. Bell and daughter, Miss Grace, were Fort Worth visitors Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Freeman from Denton, were Decatur visitors last Tuesday.

Perry Sandifer of T. C. U. at Fort Worth, was a Decatur visitor last Monday and Tuesday.

Basil Spain, Howard Counts, Weldon Griggs and Charley Belew, who are attending Cameron College at Lawton, Okla., were visiting homefolks here last week.

Mrs. W. A. Parson of Bowie, visited her daughter, Mrs. Claude Cummings, here last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Askey and son of Olney, were Decatur visitors this week.

Monday, Tuesday: People you'll love, in a story you'll love! At the Majestic.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Canahay, Saturday, Feb. 7, 1931, a son.

Mrs. R. L. Phillips and Miss Zeina Phillips of Fort Worth, were in Decatur Sunday.

Misses Marjorie Stephens, Mildred Wall and Rita Lynch of D. B. C., visited in Chico last week-end.

Miss Katherine Chilton of Decatur College, visited her parents in Bridgeport last week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Toland and E. R. Williams were Fort Worth visitors last week.

Mrs. Charley Plaxco of Fort Worth visited her mother, Mrs. C. C. Burton, here last week.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Brown and daughter of Greenwood, were Decatur shoppers Tuesday.

W. W. Helm and H. M. Helm were in Wichita Falls last Tuesday on business.

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Mr. and Mrs. Charles Garland and daughter of Fort Worth, were Decatur visitors Sunday.

Tom Wright was in Weatherford last Sunday, visiting his wife who is at the bedside of her mother.

James Dennis Belew, who is attending school in Arlington this term, was a Decatur visitor last week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. John Jenkins visited Mrs. Jenkins' sister, Mrs. Floyd Weeks, in Wills Point, Texas, last week-end.

Mr. and Mr. Homer Griggs and daughter visited Mrs. Griggs' sister, Mrs. T. Redwine, in Chico on last Sunday.

J. V. Patterson was a Denton visitor Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Walker and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Santy of Hamilton, were Decatur visitors on last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Maley and daughter and Mrs. Charley Burton and Miss Alvorita Badger were Fort Worth visitors Sunday.

Miss Dorothy Patterson of C. I. A. at Denton, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Patterson, here last Wednesday.

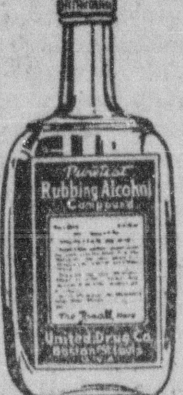
"Royal Bed," the unsuspected drama that has snapped the world to attention! At the Majestic next Monday and Tuesday.

Misses Maxine Christian and Martha Renshaw were Fort Worth visitors Sunday.

NOTICE OF STOCKHOLDERS MEETING
A meeting of the stockholders of the First State Bank of Slidell, Texas, is hereby called to meet on April 14th, 1931, for the purpose of voting upon the proposition to close the business of this above named bank and to surrender its corporate franchise, in conformity with the provisions of Article, 539-540, R. C. S., of Texas.
E. L. Berry, J. H. Hughes, J. W. Bryant, F. B. Brown, S. B. Powell, Directors.

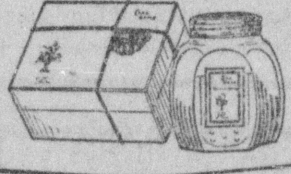
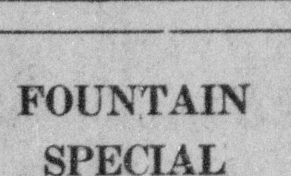
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\$1.10 Cardui, McElrees for	69c
35c Emergine for	28c
60c Groves Chill Tonic for	49c
\$1.00 Golden Peacock Bleach C.	69c
50c Jergens Lotion	39c
45c Kotex	25c
Murine Eye Water	48c
30c Mentholatum	21c
35c Enders Blades	23c
35c Ever Ready Blades	23c
30c Graves L. B. Q. Tablets	23c
\$1.25 Bayers Aspirin, 100's	89c
60c Bromo Seltzer	49c
\$1.00 Cotys Face Powder	69c
50c Luxor	39c
60c Mentholatum	39c
75c Vicks Vapor Rub	49c



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Artstyle Asst. Milk Chocolates	\$1.25-\$2.50
Artstyle Silver King	\$1.50 to \$3.00
Artstyle Fruit & Nut Assortment	\$1.50 \$3.00

JUDGE J. G. GOSE ANSWERS CALL

Judge John G. Gose, pioneer citizen of this town and community and a resident of the county for almost seventy years, died at his home in South Decatur Monday morning, following a long illness. The funeral services were conducted at the First Methodist church by Rev. Bowen, pastor of the deceased, assisted by Rev. Bell of the Decatur Baptist church, and Dr. J. L. Ward, president of the local college. Other former pastors of Judge Gose took part in the services. A large number gathered at the church to pay a last tribute to this prominent citizen who had lived so long in the community. Several long time friends from other sections of the state were present.

Dr. Ward, personal friend of Judge Gose since boyhood, paid a splendid tribute to the pioneer's usefulness as citizen and public official. He praised Judge Gose's active work in behalf of the great cause of religion, and his efforts in behalf of the prohibition cause. His loyalty to friends, city, county, state and nation was a characteristic of Judge Gose, said Dr. Ward.

John G. Gose was born in Denton county September 29, 1860. At six months of age he was brought by his parents to reside in Decatur; his childhood was spent in the old county capitol until he was twenty years old, when he moved to his father's farm on Catlett Creek. In 1883 he was married to Miss Minnie Cates of Jefferson, Tenn. Soon after his marriage, Mr. Gose began the study of law, being admitted to the bar in 1893. In 1894 he was elected city attorney of Decatur, serving two terms. In 1902 he was elected county judge and held this office for two terms. After his retirement from public office he devoted his undivided time to the abstract and loan business, and at the time of his death he conducted this business here. He was prominent in Methodist church affairs, and was serving as a member of the county board of trustees when he sickened and died.

Surviving are his wife, two sons and two daughters, two brothers and two sisters.

CAR MAKERS ARE KEPT BUSY

"Advocating 'Buy Now' campaigns and talking about the return of prosperity are not harmful gestures, but they are not nearly so effective as actually doing something," declared Felix Doran, Jr., southwest regional manager of the Chevrolet Motor Company, in Dallas this week. Mr. Doran has just returned from Detroit where he attended a meeting of Chevrolet and General Motors officials. Purpose of the meeting was organization of sales plans to meet increased business promised by 1931.

"While others are talking about business, Chevrolet is going after it," Mr. Doran stated. "Instead of waiting for business to come to it, the Chevrolet Motor Company has already laid plans to build and sell one million cars in 1931. The material for these cars has already been contracted for and thousands of men are at work fashioning the material into automotive parts. Thousands of additional factory men and salesmen have been hired to properly build and sell the manufactured units. Chevrolet Motor Company is showing its faith in this country by expending millions of dollars in these operations. The powerful General Motors financing institution allied with Chevrolet is ready to finance cars on terms agreeable to purchasers. Bankers have been apprised of our plans and dealers have no financial worries on that score."

"Sales of Chevrolet in this section clear through this city, which helps to swell payrolls here and, in the course of a year, puts many dollars into circulation for salaries, advertising and the many lines of business which today are allied with the automobile. Chevrolet plans for greater expenditure this year. We are confident we are going ahead. We believe this philosophy of business will bring results."

Dr. Jim Embry and son, Glenn, and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Waggoner of Fort Worth, attended the funeral of Judge Gose here last Tuesday.

Love is a gross exaggeration of difference between one person and all the rest.—Shaw.

TERRACE EXPERT WILL BE HERE

The federal land bank, the A. & M. College and the Fort Worth and Denver have joined hands in a terracing campaign, extending from Fort Worth to Texline, from Wichita Falls to Abilene and Spur and from Estelline to Lubbock, Dimmitt and Silverton.

Other co-operating agencies in each county are being asked to help in securing good attendance. These include county agents, chamber of commerce secretaries, national farm loan association secretaries and vocational teachers of agriculture.

The first meeting will be held in Tarrant county on February 18th, and the last one will be at Lubbock on April 3rd.

A. K. Short, conservation and terracing agent for the federal land bank of Houston, will discuss the value of terraces from the viewpoint of the federal land bank. Mr. M. R. Bentley, farm engineer of the extension service, A. & M. College, will discuss the results of terracing and present some slides on the screen to visualize the effect of terraces in holding water on the field, as well as showing how terraces, when properly built prevent washing. M. B. Oates, agricultural agent of the Fort Worth and Denver, is doing the advance work for this extensive terracing campaign and is securing the full co-operation of all agencies. He will also accompany Mr. Short and Mr. Bentley throughout the campaign.

In each county there will be a night meeting. The next day there will be a field demonstration in running lines and building terraces.

Terracing has been done for many years to prevent washing, but it has been found in recent years that terraces are just as valuable for conserving moisture as they are for saving soil. Many farmers have harvested fairly good crops of maize or cotton from terraced fields during the past two years, whereas, adjoining fields which were not terraced made practically nothing. On the level plains of West Texas terracing has proved very valuable from the standpoint of saving moisture, and everyone should become acquainted

PARR GROCERY IS READY WITH SEED

Cantaloupe seed ordered by Decatur territory farmers have arrived and are ready for distribution by the J. A. Parr Grocery. Farmers are requested to call immediately and secure their allotments of seed. The price is seventy cents per pound, which is actual cost plus express charges.

The seed of this order of 350 pounds, are reserved to those who have applied for them, at the rate of one pound per acre for each acre of the patch to be planted. An additional order will be sent for those who have failed thus far to file their orders. If you failed to get in on the first shipment, leave your name and the amount of seed you want with Mr. Parr or the secretary of the chamber of commerce.

Ladies and gentlemen are permitted to have friends in the kennels but not in the kitchen.—Shaw.

Nothing can be unconditional; consequently nothing can be free.—Shaw.

Only those who have helped themselves know how to help others, and to respect their right to help themselves.—Shaw.

with these results. A. K. (Dad) Short and M. R. Bentley will be here Thursday night, Feb. 19, and will hold a mass meeting in the district court room at the court house in Decatur.

Friday, Feb. 20, will be devoted to running terrace lines and constructing terraces on the J. W. McKessick farm near Perrin school. Mr. Bentley has some very interesting slides with him, and these will be used with a picture machine in the night meeting, Feb. 19.

The greatest benefit you can confer upon your neighbor is to insist upon his attending these meetings. Learn how and why to terrace these farms, and we will have a more productive county.

Remember: District court room in the court house at Decatur, 7 p. m., Feb. 19; and J. W. McKessick farm, Perrin school, all day, Feb. 20.

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Fashionable vice is the worst sort of sheepishness.—Shaw.

LOOK — Bargain: 1928 Chevrolet coach, \$50 cash, balance monthly.—H. F. HEAD. 6-1f

FOR SALE—1000 bushels Red Onions.—G. B. MALCOLM, Rte. 8, Decatur. 7

IT IS WELL to remember when you place your insurance with me, four of the companies I represent listed last year over \$115,000 in assets. No little weaklings. I need your business, and you need the protection. I have been in the business over 25 years and aim to be till the end. I shall be glad to serve you. FARM business a specialty. Come to see me.—J. W. BAILEY, Decatur, Texas. 7

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COUNTY COWS FREE DISEASE

Dr. A. K. Kuttler, representative of the state livestock sanitary commission and the federal bureau of animal industry, was in Decatur on the third to discuss with those interested the matter of making a tuberculin test of all livestock in Wise county with the view of making Wise county an accredited tuberculosis free area. This work has recently been completed in Dallas and Tarrant counties and is in progress in Denton and Collin counties, the first counties to take up the work in Texas.

Dr. Kuttler states that this test is done without expense to the individual stock owner and that the state and federal governments reimburse owners for reactor cattle when found. This test takes the place of the test required by various city ordinances in the state.

Dr. Kuttler further advises that cattle can not be moved to counties which have taken up the work without the owner first having these cattle tuberculin tested except when such cattle are being moved for immediate slaughter. It was stated that within a very short time the owners of surplus dairy cattle to Wise county would suffer as a result of this restriction unless the county takes up this area testing.

Should the people in Wise county desire to petition the state livestock sanitary commission and the federal bureau of animal industry for this work, it could very likely be started in the near future.

When a county becomes accredited as a tuberculosis free area, live stock can be moved to any point in Texas or to any state without further tuberculin test. The expense of this work is borne largely by the state and federal governments; however, the county is asked to co-operate in a small way. The total expense in the other counties has in no case exceeded \$4000.00.

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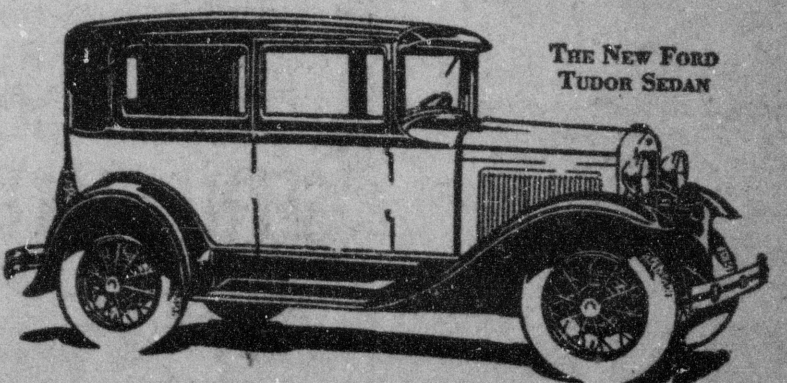
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ON THE FARM

Laws governing public warehouses would be simplified under the terms of a bill sponsored by the state department of agriculture and introduced in the Texas legislature.

L. Shackelford, chief of the warehouse division, pointed out that his division now operates under a law which has been changed many times, until it bears little resemblance to the original law; and that apparently no attempt was made to repeal many obsolete sections when the changes were made. Many sections are conflicting, and some of the provisions have never been enforced, he said.

The bill proposes few changes from the old law, other than the elimination of extraneous sections. One of the changes was placing the warehouseman's bond on a sliding scale, rather than requiring every warehouseman to make \$5,000 bond regardless of his volume of business.

Shackelford said warehousemen were giving the division their fullest co-operation, and had approved of changes in the administration of their law which he had proposed.

There are about 700 registered warehouses in Texas, and many others which have not been brought under state supervision.

Rio Grande valley planters have been cautioned by M. S. Frazee, chief of the weights and measures division of the state department of agriculture, to watch more closely the counts of their shipments of onion and cabbage plants as the result of a complaint made to the division.

The complain was to the effect that bundles of the plants had been received at a North Texas market running far short of the 100 count supposed to be in the bundles. Some counted only as high as 60 or 70.

It was the belief of the division that the short count was due to the laborer, paid by the bunch, attempting to increase his earnings, and not to any fault of the producer.

The complaint was referred to the shippers.

"Buy your bagging at home."

That is the slogan placed on a bale of cotton which was set in the rotunda of the state capital at Austin after the legislature had approved a resolution which requested permission to place it there.

The bale is wrapped in bagging made of cotton, demonstrating the feasibility of substituting lower grade cotton for jute, from which the bagging is commonly made. Jute is pointed out in an explanatory sign that the jute consumed annually in the wrapping of American cotton was the equivalent of 255,000 bales of cotton, and that the substitution of cotton bagging for jute might open a market for the corresponding amount of cotton.

Farmers were urged to tell their ginners they wanted their cotton wrapped in cotton bagging. The weight of the two kinds of bagging is nearly the same.

Farmers of Texas almost unanimously favor statutory regulation of cotton acreage, in the opinion of Lawrence Westbrook, organizer for the Texas Cotton Cooperative. Westbrook recently made this statement in Austin.

"In the last few months," he said, "I've probably talked to more farmers than any other one man in Texas. Maybe they're nowhere else to turn, but the farmers of Texas almost unanimously want some form of statutory reduction."

Westbrook cited the results of a vote on the proposal taken at a farm convention in Dallas, at which 1700 farmers were registered. The vote was taken from the floor of the meeting, and all except five present signified their approval.

That sort of sentiment," he declared, "demands consideration from those who represent the farmers."

Steps will be taken by the entomological division of the state department of agriculture to destroy all peach trees which are afflicted with "phony peach disease," J. M. Del Curto, state entomologist, has announced.

The disease, Del Curto said, had been a mystery to plant disease specialists, and they have not yet been able to determine how it is transmitted.

Only a few isolated cases have been found in Texas. The disease is manifest by the shriveling of the fruit, although to all other outward appearances, the tree appears to be healthy.

From the standpoint of one cotton broker, statutory control of cotton acreage remains about the only untried plan to solve the problems of overproduction which have demoralized the market for southern cotton.

S. L. Mansell, Jr., Austin broker who came to the broker's office from a cotton farm, in commenting on the McDonald cotton conservation bill, said he believed farmers must reduce their cotton output if they ever hoped to command a fair

BAPTIST CHURCH

The monthly associational workers' meeting for Montague-Wise association will be held with the church in Montague next Monday, Feb. 16. On Wednesday of next week a district mission rally will be held with the First Baptist church of North Fort Worth. The Wise county churches are urged to send delegations. Dr. W. E. Sallee, returned missionary from China, will speak.

Pastor R. E. Bell will speak next Sunday morning on "Anchors for the Drifter's Soul." At night the sermon will be on "Repentance."

LONE MOUND NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Riley Scott of the Jonestown community, and Miss Effie Lowery of Chico, visited Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Monroe last Friday.

Misses Vera and Millie Farrington spent one day last week with Mrs. Laura Raley in the Foster community.

Miss Gladys Stanford of Decatur, spent one day last week with Mrs. Minnie Bowman.

Mr. Lonnie Brown of Alvord, visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Wiley Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Bowman and Miss Millie Farrington were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gus Elrod one day last week.

ROE NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Jones and son, Johnnie, and little daughter, Melba Jean returned to their home in Amarillo Sunday.

Lorenda Peyton spent Thursday night with Elizabeth Perkins.

The teachers and pupils of the Roe school are planning a Valentine party Friday afternoon. Everyone is invited to be present.

Mrs. Vessie Stockton visited in Alvord last week.

Helen Lee is a new student in the Roe school this week.

Mr. Travis New and Mr. Orion Hill played forty-two at the home of Mr. Stanley Robertson in Decatur.

Sweetwater News

Elbert Gentry of San Antonio, is visiting Lomefolks here.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Boyd from Montague visited Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Beal last week.

Mrs. Boydston has been quite ill with flu the past few days.

Charles Boydston and family have moved to the Blewett Chapel neighborhood.

Mrs. Kemp and family have moved to the Midway community.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hudson visited their son, J. B. Hudson, in the Midway community, last week.

Mrs. Joe Foster is visiting her daughter in Glen Rose.

Cottondale News

Mr. Bob Bridges, Foy Morehead and Natt Read were in Fort Worth Wednesday on business.

Mr. W. E. Leslie, an old settler of this region, was buried here last Friday afternoon.

The P. T. A. was reorganized on Friday night. Mrs. Annie Stevens was elected president, Mrs. E. R. Paschall vice-president, and Mrs. Elizabeth Setser secretary.

Mr. Nat Read and family have moved to the Gally Stevens' place. They were given a surprise party on Saturday night.

Mrs. Oona B. Newby of Springtown, spent the week-end with her other, Mrs. R. B. Banks.

This community has pooled its land and leased for oil. Drilling is to commence within twenty days.

market price; and that other methods of obtaining this reduction apparently had failed.

"Educational campaigns," Mansell said, "have proved entirely inadequate. From the school house meeting the farmer returns to his home and plants more cotton, trusting that Neighbor Bill Smith will plant less and give him a chance to sell more."

"Farmers have demonstrated that they are unable to agree upon reduction. The only time they will plant less cotton is when they are forced to by the price dropping so low they do not have enough money to finance the next crop. Such conditions adversely effect the economic conditions of those engaged in other pursuits."

"We find this is true in the face of the fact that farmers, working co-operatively, could control price more easily than any other class of people. But all methods to obtain co-operative agreements seem to have failed. We have sold our cotton for not much more than half the cost of production, but despite this we will go on planting and raising all we possibly can with the money we have. We seem utterly helpless to control acreage by the old methods, and the farmers have reached the place where they have to do something to help themselves. "I believe we should give statutory control a trial."

CONOCO PLAYERS

Although they were selected as an "average American couple, Peggy and Pat Patterson, who have become famous as representatives of the radio audience for the Conoco Listeners' Hour, deny that they are "just" average in every respect.

"Peggy is way above the average as a back seat driver," according to Pat.

"And Pat is the best bathroom baritone in the world," Peggy says.

An interviewer found them at home the other day in their cozy little apartment. Peggy—who has blue eyes and thick chestnut hair—was opening a huge pile of letters.

"Requests from our listeners who want their favorite selections played or sung," she explained. "I'm certainly kept busy answering them all."

"And Peggy gets a lot of 'mash notes,' too," Pat complained, tuning in a jazz band on the radio and snapping his fingers in time to the music.

"Do shut off that horrible noise, and get some real music," Peggy said. Pat sighed and tuned out the jazz band in favor of an operatic selection.

"That's better," Peggy said. "You know," she explained, "we just can't agree on music. But we agree pretty well on most everything else."

They were both rather reluctant to talk about themselves, insisting that "there really isn't much to tell."

They were "thrilled to death," as Peggy put it, when they were chosen to direct the Conoco program for the listeners. Peggy—like all girls—wanted to be an actress when she was in school. And Pat confessed that he sang in his college glee club.

"But people don't want to hear about us," Pat said. "What they are interested in is the radio program."

"Yes," said Peggy, "and don't forget to tune in on the next radio hour. It's going to be good."

Hear Peggy and Pat, the Conoco Orchestra and the Rondoliers in the 12th program of this series on next Monday evening, Feb. 16 over station WFFA, Dallas, from 6:30 to 7.

First Christian Church

Every member of the church is urged to be present for ever service next Lord's day that we may make the day one to be long remembered. Brother McWilliams will bring a message on "A Neglected Sacrament" at the eleven o'clock hour and a message on "The Man in His Right Mind" at the evening hour.

Remember Bible school at 10 a. m. morning worship at 11 a. m., and evening worship at 7:15 p.m.

All visitors welcome to every service. Prepare, be prompt, be prayerful.

FLOYD LODD, supt.

Few of us have vitality enough to make any of our instincts imperious.—Shaw.

The lit's punishment is not in the least that he is not believed but that he can not believe anyone else.—Shaw.

If your old religion broke down yesterday, spend today in getting a newer and better one for tomorrow.—Shaw.

DON'T TAKE DRUGS FOR STOMACH TROUBLE — CRAZY WATER WILL RELIEVE YOU

To those who may be afflicted with any of the many diseases of the stomach and kidneys, I want you to know that the Divine Maker in His wisdom created a place where such sufferers may be relieved of their ailments.

I was given up to die, but after taking a two weeks' treatment at the Crazy Water Hotel in Mineral Wells, Texas, I am rapidly on my way to recovery. I have gained 12 pounds.

Crazy Water is the most wonderful mineral water in the world. I talked to a number of people while taking this treatment in Mineral Wells, and their experience invariably was similar to mine; that is, they had been to other resorts but received no material benefit until they came to Mineral Wells.—Harry L. Dix, 2633 35th Ave., So., Minneapolis, Minn.

The new million dollar Crazy Water Hotel at Mineral Wells, Texas, covers an entire block of ground. It is modern, fire-proof and complete in every detail. It is natural to think it would be expensive to stop at this magnificent hotel; yet you can enjoy its genuine hospitality, pleasing service and receive the benefits of the Crazy Mineral Water Treatment at very reasonable rates. If you have rheumatism, stomach trouble, diabetes, colitis, kidney trouble or any chronic ailment brought on by faulty elimination, we urge you to write the Crazy Water Hotel, Mineral Wells, Texas, for full and complete information about their treatment.

RUSH CREEK NEWS

Mrs. Kely and daughter, Ola, are visiting friends in Prairie Point this week.

Messrs. W. Baten, Cagle Duke and Burchard were in Gainesville last Wednesday on business.

Miss Hazel Truett from Splawn, spent Wednesday night with Miss Lucile Griffith.

The Greenwood community meet on Friday night was well attended by the Rush Creek community. Mr. Cecil Sellers from Brumlow, spent the week-end with his sister, Mrs. George Burchard.

Melvin Trutt from Splawn, spent last Tuesday night with Ray Averitt, Willard, Harold and Travis Phillips are on the sick list this week.

Mrs. M. A. Baten was called to the bedside of her mother, Mrs. J. H. Livingston, at Brownwood, who is seriously ill.

If you injure your neighbor, better not do it by halves.—Shaw.

It is dangerous to be serious unless you have something real to be serious about, even when you are a great genius.—Shaw.

Sentimentality is the error of supposing that quarter can be given or taken in moral conflicts.—Shaw.

Hatred is the coward's revenge for being intimidated.—Shaw.

I can do without your love, but not without your respect.—Shaw.

Activity is the only road to knowledge.—Shaw.

If a great man could make us understand him we should hang him.—Shaw.

The most intolerable pain is produced by prolonging the keenest pleasure.—Shaw.

Kidney Acids Break Sleep

If Getting Up Nights, Backache, frequent day calls, Leg Pains, Nervousness, or Burning, due to functional Bladder Irritation, in acid conditions, makes you feel tired, depressed and discouraged, try the Cystox Test. Works fast, starts circulating thru the system in 15 minutes. Praised by thousands for rapid and positive action. Don't give up. Try Cystox (pronounced Ciss-tox) today, under the Iron-Clad Guarantee. Must quickly allay these conditions, improve restful sleep and energy, or money back. Only 60c at

No Substitute For Your Sweetheart

You certainly don't want any. Neither do you want substitute for Carter's Little Liver Pills as remedy for biliousness, torpid liver and constipation. Take Carter's, move nearly two pounds of bile, cleansing whole system. Accept no other. Buy at any drug store for 25c. Look for the red bottle. Resent substitutes.

You can not have power for good without having power for evil, too.—Shaw.

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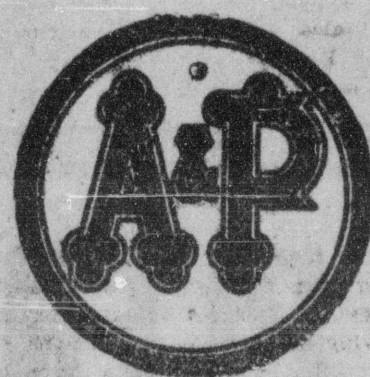
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POTATOES—U. S. No. 1—Peck	35c
SWIFT JEWEL 8 Pound Pail-	93c
SPARKLE GELATINE DESSERT—4 pkg.	25c
DEL MONTE PEARS—2 No. 1 cans	29c
DEL MONTE PEARS—2 No. 2 cans	39c
QUAKER MAID KETCHUP—Large bottle	17c
PINTO BEANS—20 lbs.	98c
LIMA BEANS—small size, lb. 9c; large size, lb.	11c
APPLE BUTTER—Libbies, No. 2 can 15c; No. 2 1/2 can	21c
WHITE HOUSE MILK—6 small cans, 23c; 3 lge. cans	23c
ENCORE MACORONI or Spaghetti—4 8-oz. pkgs.	25c
PILLSBURY BRAND FLOUR—48 pound	\$1.00
BAKER'S GOLD FLOUR—48 lbs.	\$1.15
Cream Meal—25 lb., 68c; 10 lb., 30c; 5 lb.	16c
Matches—2 boxes	5c
Fancy Prunes—lb.	7c
Diamond Crystal salt, 3 pkg.	10c
Sliced Bacon—lb.	26c

PERSONAL

The people decide which concerns are to succeed in business just as they decide which statesmen are to remain in office. Every purchase in an A&P store is a vote cast in its favor by a customer.

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County School News

By Mrs. Oma Cartwright, Supt.

Plans for County Meet

At a meeting of the executive committee, plans for the county meet were made as follows:

1. A valley ball tournament will be held at Bridgeport on March 21, beginning at 8 o'clock. All coaches of valley ball will please notify Mr. A. B. Brown of Boyd, of their intentions to participate in the tournament so that he may know how many to plan for. All teams must be on hand at 8 o'clock in order that places may be drawn and the tournament started early, as the entire day will be required to finish. The schools will be grouped in three classes—A, B and C. The six having the largest enrollment will constitute Class A, the other—not rural—Class B, and all one, two, three and four teacher schools, Class C.

2. Schools will be grouped in the same manner for the basket ball tournament to be held at Rhine—February 7 and 14.

3. The county meet for rural schools will be held at Bridgeport on March 27 and 28.

4. The county meet for the other school will be held in Bridgeport on April 3 and 4. Schedule of events will be announced later.

All schools should be making definite plans as to which events they expect to enter and should be getting as much practice as conditions will permit.

New Teachers in County

Mr. J. D. Everheart, a graduate of A. & M. College, and formerly with the government service has been employed to teach vocational agriculture at Boyd to finish the unexpired term of Mr. J. K. Williams, who resigned to accept a position with the University of Idaho in the department of poultry husbandry.

Miss Kathryn Fortenberry has accepted a position in the Hickory Plains school.

Miss Helen Holmes has been elected to a position in the Alvord school.

Health Nurse in County

Miss Jean Campbell from the state health association, is working in the county for two weeks, beginning February 9. Those schools having asked for Miss Campbell's services may expect her any day. Due to the inclemency of the weather, it was found impossible to work out a regular schedule for the visits. The assistance of local physicians is desired in this work, and some time can be saved if teachers will ask for such help in advance.

Much good may result from this survey if teachers and patrons will co-operate with Miss Campbell.

Basket Ball Tournament

Despite the inclement weather the first day of the basket ball tournament was well attended last Saturday.

As we do not have a complete report of the games played last Saturday, we will wait until after the games next Saturday and then give a report of all the games played and the final scores.

RUPTURE

E. J. MEINHARDI, of Chicago

Expert on the Meinhardt Rupture Shield, is coming here again. He will personally be at the Texas Hotel, Fort Worth, Texas, on Friday only, February 20th, from 10:00 a. m. to 5:00 p. m.

SPECIAL NOTICE—All customers that he has fitted here during the last ten years are invited to call for inspection. All others are invited to call and investigate. There is no charge for demonstration. Come in and talk with these former customers regarding their experience with this Appliance. This visit is for men only.

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Please note the above dates and office hours carefully, as he will not visit any other city in this section at this time. (This visit for white people only.)—E. J. Meinhardt, Home Office, 1551 N. Crawford Ave., Chicago.

The Jaggerville pessimist says we have gotten to be so efficient that we have just about crowded ourselves off the earth.—Claude Callan in Star-Telegram.

People see what they look for, not what is actually before them.—Shaw.

WASHINGTON

France and the United States will join in honoring the memory of the patriots of both countries who helped to win independence for the American colonies, and especially in paying homage to the memory of George Washington, during the six months of the International Colonial and Overseas Exposition, sponsored by the French government, which is to open near Paris May 1. The American exhibit at the exposition will help to bring the world-wide celebration of the two hundredth anniversary of the birth of George Washington in 1932 to the attention of all nations.

To emphasize and cement the long standing friendship of the United States and France, which began during the American revolution, an exact and full size reproduction of Mt. Vernon, home of George Washington is being constructed on the banks of the River Seine to serve as the administration building for the American exhibit.

C. Bascom Slemph of Virginia, who is commissioner-general of the United States to the French exposition, is also a member of the executive committee of the George Washington bicentennial commission. He has just returned from Paris and is now busily engaged in arranging to have appropriate furnishings and other material sent from this country to be placed in the duplicate of Mt. Vernon on the Seine, and to have the overseas possessions of the United States represented by appropriate exhibits at the exposition.

The executive committee of the George Washington bicentennial commission has adopted a resolution officially endorsing the reproduction of Mt. Vernon in France. The building, in addition to being the headquarters of the American commission to the French exposition, will be used as a museum in which will be placed articles connected with Washington and his time, loaned by the French and American governments and by citizens of both countries.

The George Washington bicentennial commission is urging Americans to "join in this patriotic endeavor" by contributing Washingtoniana to be exhibited in the Mt. Vernon building.

Among the many articles which the French government is lending to the United States commission in Paris are an original miniature of General Washington and one of Martha Washington, a large topographic map of Yorktown painted in 1830 on the spot by order of Louis Philippe, a series of medals and documents pertaining to American-French friendship, an original bust of Lafayette, taken from Versailles, and very little known, autographed documents of Rochambeau, Louis XVI and Marie Antoinette and numerous other articles of historic interest.

The official hostess at the Mt. Vernon building will be Miss Anne Madison Washington, a descendant of John Augustine Washington, a nephew of George Washington. The building will be furnished as nearly as possible like Washington's home. Among the things which Mr. Slemph is taking to Paris to place in the building are the key to the battle and a copy of a picture of Louis XVI, both given to Washington by Lafayette; reproductions of silverware used at Mt. Vernon, letters and portraits of famous Frenchmen articles appropriate to the time.

Awake
Half the Night
Weak and in
Pain

NIGHT after night I could not sleep," writes Mrs. Mary J. Roberts, 117 West Franklin St., Raleigh, N. C. "I would lie awake half the night. I was dizzy and weak, suffered frequently with pains in my side and small part of my back."

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We heard of this incident happening in an East Texas city. A farmer went to his banker and this conversation resulted:

Farmer: "Well, I want to borrow \$400 to make the next year's crop."

Banker: "How much cotton did you make this year?"

Farmer: "I made four bales, but the season was bad."

Banker: "And the price was bad. I suppose you sold your cotton, including the seed, for about \$200. Is that correct?"

Farmer: "I didn't get quite that much."

Banker: "Do you think under favorable circumstances, a good season and no boll-weevils, that you can make eight bales this year?"

Farmer: "Yes, with a good season, I should make eight bales."

Banker: "The best experts we have, including Chairman Legge of the federal farm board, say that a crop of 14,000,000 bales this year means 7 cent cotton and that a bumper crop means 5 cents. The yield this year was about 14,000,000 bales and except for the drought would have been 17,000,000. Isn't it reasonable to suppose that we will have at least as big a crop this year as last?"

Farmer: "Yes, I suppose so."

Banker: "Then if you should have a good season and raise 8 bales and sell it for even 8 cents, you would get \$400 for your year's work and you want to borrow exactly that much to make it with."

Farmer: "Well, it looks that way."

Banker: "Now, why wouldn't this be a good plan? If I loan you \$400 why not take it and buy 8 bales of this year's crop. You can get it at 8 cents, you could keep it till next

GOOD FEATURES
ON LOWER CARS

Few things are sacred to the costly cars any more except size and custom bodies, points out D. E. Ralston, assistant general sales manager of the Chevrolet Motor Company.

Volume has made possible such tremendous purchasing advantages that scarcely a new feature has been introduced on a high priced car before a means has been found to incorporate it in the low priced volume field, according to the Chevrolet executive.

"Witness the radiator screen grille," Mr. Ralston pointed out. "Popularized by one of America's finest cars, it became standard equipment within a year on every sport model in the new Chevrolet line. The adjustable driver's seat won enthusiastic endorsement when it made its public appearance on one

fall and have just as much cotton as you hope to make. And you would not have to strike a lick. You could go fishing and hunting all year and be in just as good or better condition than if you jumped those persimmon sprouts behind old Beck all summer."

Farmer: "I never looked at it that way, but it seems you have it right."

Banker: "Don't you think it time to do some mighty hard thinking and see if there is not some way out? I think there is a way, but it's not down the cottonrow. Go home and study about this for a week and come back and see me. I believe we can figure out something."—The Marshall Morning News.

of the higher priced cars, yet in no time at all it became a feature of every Fisher-Chevrolet body.

"Time was, one not so very long ago, when the purchase of a low priced car meant a further sizeable outlay upon delivery of the car for 'extras.' The owner had to go out and buy his own speedometer, klaxon, shock absorbers, rear vision mirror, windshield cleaner and many other items not included in the list price. Today, he gets not only those accessories; but in certain Chevrolet models ash trays, silk assist cords, arm and foot rests, robe rails, window curtains and a host of other fine car features not included in the list price.

"This trend of fine car features to the low priced fields developed only within the past few years. The feminine influence on car design gave impetus to the trend. But the thing that made it possible is the saving effected on tremendous purchases of materials by the large manufacturer, which in turn enables him to put those savings back into the car in the interest of greater comfort and smartness."

Radishes for more rapid recovery from business reverses: green beans when you can't afford the store variety; in short, a garden to lessen the drain on lean pocketbooks—that is the seasonal advice offered by J. E. McDonald, not only to farmers but to townspeople as well.

Investment of a few cents in seed, a few hours effort in cultivation, and a few weeks of Texas sunshine should return huge dividends in health and food for the table.

Farmers, particularly, with little prospect for improved market conditions for cotton, should concentrate on raising their own food-stuffs this year, McDonald said, including not only vegetables, but poultry, hogs and other eatables.

Rheumatism Gone;
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"I guess I suffered as much from rheumatism as anybody ever did," said O. A. Meinhardt, Texas & D. C.



O. A. MEINHARDT

ie Ry. Fireman, 905 Ann Ave., Dallas. "My joints would hurt me something awful and at times I would be stiff and sore all over."

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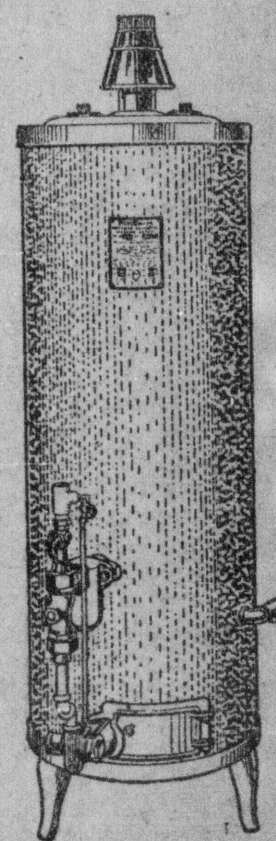
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